

Mail Ballot Instructions

PLEASE READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS SHEET

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1. **Check** that you have all the contents of your Mail Ballot Packet. You should have received the following items:

- Your Ballot
- A Secrecy Sleeve
- A Prepaid Postage Ballot Return Envelope
- An “I Voted” Sticker



If you have questions, contact us immediately at 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837).

2. **Read** the ballot instructions **carefully**.

3. **FOR ALL CONTESTS:**

- Fill in the oval next to your choice completely, using a blue or black ink pen.
- To vote for a write-in, fill in the oval and write the name on the write-in line.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot by calling 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837).

FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING (RCV) CONTESTS

For RCV contests, you may rank up to FIVE (5) candidates in the order of your preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc). Ranking up to five candidates will not harm the candidates you gave higher rankings to.

Important RCV ballot rules:

- You do not have to rank all candidates. You can still vote for just one candidate and leave the other columns blank.
- You should not rank a candidate more than once. (Fill in **ONLY** one oval per row.)
- You should not skip a ranking. (Skipping more than one ranking in a row will make your vote inactive at the point of the second skip in that contest.)
- You should not give more than one candidate the same ranking. (Fill in **ONLY** one oval per column.)

4. **Refold** your voted ballot and place it into the Secrecy Sleeve.

5. **Place** the Secrecy Sleeve into the prepaid postage Ballot Return Envelope. (Only **your** ballot can be placed inside the Ballot Return Envelope. **If the Ballot Return Envelope contains more than one ballot, none of the ballots will be counted.**)

6. **⚠ IMPORTANT: Sign and date the Voter’s Oath on the back of the Ballot Return Envelope. You MUST sign the Voter’s Oath in order for your ballot to count!**

7. **Seal** the Ballot Return Envelope flap.

8. Return your voted ballot in one of the following ways:

• **By Mail**

Give your Ballot Return Envelope to your local postal carrier, or deposit it in any United States Postal Service (USPS) mailbox or at any U.S. post office.



IMPORTANT: Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (Tuesday, June 16)

and received at the Board of Elections (BOE) no later than the 10th day after Election Day. We recommend that you vote and mail your ballot as soon as possible to make sure it arrives on time.

• **In any 24-hour secure BOE Mail Ballot Drop Box (beginning Friday, May 22)**

You can deposit your ballot at any one of 55 Board of Elections Mail Ballot Drop Boxes throughout the District of Columbia at any time until 8:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

• **At any Vote Center (open during early voting and on Election Day)**

Early Vote Centers will be open from **Monday, June 8 through Sunday, June 14** between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, and Election Day Vote Centers will be open on **Tuesday, June 16** between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm.

You may drop off your Ballot Return Envelope at any Vote Center during the dates and times indicated without waiting in the in-person voting lines.

Go to www.dcboe.org for:

- BOE Mail Ballot Drop Box Locations
- Early Vote Center Locations
- Election Day Vote Center Locations
- Ballot Tracking Information
- General Information about the June 16, 2026 Primary-Special Election, and
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Information about Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)



Accessible Voting

Contact the Board at 202-727-2194 to learn about accessible voting options for voters with disabilities and voters with limited English proficiency, including accessible Vote Centers, curbside voting, ballot marking devices, and more.

Questions?

If you cannot find the answer on the website, call us at 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837).

¿Necesita ayuda en su idioma? Llame al 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)

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Cần sự trợ giúp ngôn ngữ của bạn? Hãy gọi 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)

Avez-vous besoin d'aide dans votre langue? Appelez le 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)

모국어로 도움이 필요하세요? 1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837) 로 전화해주세요



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WASHINGTON, DC 20003-4733**



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FIRST-TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTERED BY MAIL OR ONLINE

Our records indicate that you have not previously voted in a federal election in the District of Columbia, and that you registered online or by mail without providing a copy of your identification (ID).

Under federal and District of Columbia law, you are required to provide a copy of one of the following ID documents with your voted mail ballot:

- A copy of a current and valid government-issued photo ID; **OR** A copy of a current* utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government-issued document that shows your name and address.

**The issue, bill, or statement date must be no earlier than ninety (90) days before the election. The 90th day before the June 16, 2026 Primary-Special Election is March 18, 2026.*

PLACE A COPY OF YOUR ID DOCUMENT INSIDE THE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE.

If you do not provide a copy of your ID document with your voted ballot, your ballot will be treated as a special (provisional) ballot, and will not be counted unless you submit a copy of your ID to the Board of Elections by 4:45 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact us at 1-866-DCVOTES (866-328-6837).